Mr. Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Docketing Department
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket 2008-196-E, SCE&G rate increase for new nuclear reactors

Dear Mr. Terreni

I am writing to the Public Service Commission regarding the request by SCE&G for permission "to conduct initial clearing, to excavate and to perform construction work" in order to build two new nuclear reactors at the V.C. Summer site near Jenkinsville, SC.

SCE&G has not demonstrated a need for these two new reactors, and the PSC has made no ruling regarding the prudence of building them. It is premature of the PSC to approve any request by SCE&G to start clearing the site. I understand the PSC is already considering a request from SCE&G to raise customer rates by a dramatic amount based on the outrageous projected costs of these new reactors. Any decision on site clearance and construction should not be made until the rate decision is made, I believe in early 2009.

The interest of the rate payer and the public should be foremost in these proceedings, not the utility's desire to fast track a project through the process. The PSC should proceed prudently and cautiously considering the enormous projected costs of these reactors, and the burdensome impact on ratepayers. The PSC should not be pushed into a premature decision, advantageous only to the utility, and should only consider the request as the rate hearing process unfolds.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion and concerns in this matter. I think a hearing is warranted, giving these circumstances, and I urge you to place the views and concerns of the public and the ratepayer as your highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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